

NEWS.

PROFESSOR DR. H. AMBRONN has been called to the assistant professorship of botany in the University of Jena.

PROFESSOR J. W. TOUMEY, of the University of Arizona, has been appointed assistant professor of forestry in the new school of forestry at Yale University.

WITH THE BEGINNING of the present volume of the BOTANICAL GAZETTE, Dr. J. C. Arthur, on account of ill-health and pressure of work, retires from the position of an active and responsible editor. For eighteen years he has been identified with the journal, and has been a large factor in whatever success it has achieved. In 1882 he became an associate editor, and in 1886 he became an editor, sharing financial as well as editorial responsibilities. The GAZETTE will not lose his counsel and active cooperation, for his connection will be continued as an associate editor.

THE FOLLOWING FELLOWS in Botany have been appointed by the University of Chicago for 1900-1901: S. E. M. Coulter (Hanover College), B. E. Livingston (University of Michigan), and A. A. Lawson (University of California). A. C. Moore, a Fellow of last year, has been appointed Assistant. Mr. J. E. Webb, who received the Master's degree in June, takes charge of the work in botany at Morgan Park Academy, a preparatory school of the University. Mr. F. L. Stevens, who received the Doctor's degree in June, is to spend two years abroad in botanical work as an honorary fellow.

WE LEARN from *Science* (June 15) that the appropriations for the Department of Agriculture for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1901, amount to \$4,023,500, being an increase of more than \$280,000 over the appropriations for the preceding year. Of this amount \$720,000 is for the experiment stations in the forty-eight states and territories, \$12,000 for the stations in Alaska, \$10,000 for a new station in Hawaii, and \$5000 for an investigation and report to Congress on the agricultural resources and capabilities of Puerto Rico. The appropriations which directly concern the botanical establishments are as follows: Division of Botany, \$43,080; Division of Forestry, \$40,000; Division of Vegetable Physiology and Pathology, \$34,500; Division of Agrostology, \$25,100. The Biological Survey receives an appropriation of \$30,300; while the appropriation for the Division of Seeds is increased from \$130,000 to \$170,000, an increase due in large measure to a petition of some 225 members of the House of Representatives.